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Dear Representatives Castle and DeGette:

On behalf of the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, I commend your leadership in introducing H.R. 810, the *Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005*, and thank you for your commitment to advancing human embryonic stem cell research.

The Foundation's mission is to create a future of hope for children and families worldwide by accelerating the discovery of new treatments for HIV/AIDS and other serious and life-threatening pediatric illnesses. We believe that embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for preventing and alleviating the suffering of children and are concerned that existing federal policy unnecessarily limits our ability to realize that potential. Your legislation would allow this critical research to move forward by expanding the number of stem cell lines eligible for federal funding, while also ensuring strong federal oversight of their use.

Thank you again for your commitment to ensuring that children and adults can reap the benefits of the very best that science and medicine have to offer. We offer our strong endorsement of H.R. 810, and look forward to working with you to ensure that the scientific and medical potential of embryonic stem cell research can be fully realized for all patients.

Sincerely,

Mark Isaac

Vice President of Public Policy and Communications